

Lydia Howbert.

I, Lydia Howbert, of the County of Randolph and State of Virginia, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament:

First I direct that all my outstanding debts inclusive of a medical bill, for services rendered my daughter Lucinda Howbert by Dr. Joseph A. Gale; my burial expenses to shall be paid out of the Currency, or Greenbacks in my possession; the residue to be equally divided between my children viz. G. W. Howbert, Emiliana Larmant, Lucinda Howbert and James E. Howbert.

Second I direct that my daughter Lucinda Howbert shall have all my Gold and Silver, Household and Kitchen furniture.

Third I direct that my son James E. Howbert shall have my Cow. I hereby appoint John Truitt Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of December 1873
Signed, sealed and delivered, Lydia Howbert
in the presence of us, who have subscribed
in the presence of each other.

W. H. Martin
Jos. A. Gale

At Randolph County Court, April Term 1873

This day the last Will and Testament of Lydia Howbert deceased was produced in Court, and partly proved by the oath of Joseph A. Gale one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the further proof of the said Will as to William H. Martin the other subscribing witness thereto is postponed.

Order at Randolph County Court, May Term 1873

This day the last Will and Testament of Lydia Howbert deceased was again produced in Court and partly proved according to law by the oath of William H. Martin the other of the subscribing witnesses thereto, the said Will having been partly proved at the last term by the oath of Joseph A. Gale, a subscribing witness, and therefore the said last Will and Testament is admitted to probate.

A Copy from the records of Court

Teste

Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

Jonathan Martin.

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Martin of the County of Randolph and State of Virginia, do make this my last Will and Testament. I will first that all my just debts be paid - after which I direct all my property real and personal remains as at now is, during my wife's life - term - at the expiration of which, I will that it be equally divided between all of my children.

I hereby appoint Lewis Richardson and Charles H. Martin the Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand & the 5th day of May 1873

Witness
R. B. Hudson
Jos. A. Gale

Jonathan Martin

At Randolph County Court, May Term 1873

This day the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Martin deceased was ~~the~~ lawfully produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of R. B. Hudson and Dr. Joseph A. Gale subscribing witnesses thereto and therefore admitted to record.

A Copy from the records of Court

Teste

Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

Michael Ruddell.

I Michael Ruddell of the County of Randolph and State of Virginia do, this 11th day of March 1873 make this my last Will and Testament.

1st I will and bequeath to my nephew John B. Ruddell and his wife Annamanda H. Ruddell my entire tract of land containing 211 acres together with the land purchased of G. H. Remm with all the farminging utensils thereto belonging, and require him to pay to the other distributees the sum of two thousand dollars, and give him five years in which to pay the same.

2nd To the widow of my brother John Ruddell, and to my two brothers James and Andrew Ruddell I give the sum of five hundred dollars each.

3rd To my three nieces, Sarah Catharins, Ann Elizabeth, and Matilda Jane Routh, I give the sum of three hundred dollars each.

4th To the three daughters of John B. Ruddell I give the following property (viz) to Emma 1 Horse (Rear's colt if it matures, if not some other horse) 1 Cow, 1 Broom, 1 Bed well furnished.

To Jacob, 1 Horse (Melio Gray) 1 Cow 1 Broom, 1 Bed well furnished. To Catharins Ann One hundred dollars in money 1 Cow and 1 Bed well furnished.

5th The residue of my property I leave to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my brothers and sisters (viz) the widow of my brother John Ruddell, James Ruddell, Andrew Ruddell, Follis Williams, Retha Ruddell, and Melinda Routh, and Polly Rader as soon as the same can be collected.

6th I further will and bequeath to my three nieces Sarah Catharins, Elizabeth Ann, and Matilda Routh, the benefit of the Execution I hold against their father George Routh.

7th If I should not live I wish John B. Ruddell to have one half the growing crop this present year.

I appoint John B. Ruddell and John C. Fox my Executors to execute and carry out the provisions of this will, and do not require of them any security therefor.

M. R. Ruddell

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

John F. Stone
John W. Jones
N. L. McCauley

At Rancho County Court, July Term 1873.

The last Will and Testament of Michael R. Rothell deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of John J. Stern and John W. Jones subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste Wm. McCauley, Clerk

Joseph Stover The last Will and Testament of Joseph Stover of the County of Rancho and State of Virginia.

I Joseph Stover of the County and State aforesaid, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, (Glazed by God for the same), do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, (That is to say) I hereby will and bequeath to Henry B. M. Goodson and Lucy J. Goodson children of David Goodson of the County and State aforesaid all my estate, both personal and real lying and being in the County aforesaid, which legacy I hereby will and order to be given unto the said legatee within 12 months after my decease and the decease of Sarah my wife, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. I appoint Patrick H. Hunt as my Executor.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this 30th August 1871.

Joseph Stover

At Rancho County Court, February Term 1874.

A writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph Stover deceased was this day produced in Court, and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, Enos B. Goodson and George J. Whitcomb were sworn and severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the testator's handwriting, and truly believe that said writing and the names thereto subscribed to be wholly written by the testator's own hand. Whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said Joseph Stover deceased.

And Patrick H. Hunt the Executor named in said Will is allowed until the next term to qualify.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

Alexander Frost.

January 5th 1866.

The last Will and Testament of Alexander Frost of Rancho County, Va.

Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

I do direct that my Executor hereafter named shall out of my Estate as soon

after my Death as may be convenient pay all my just debts.

Then first I give and bequeath to my wife Lucinda Frost the third part of my Estate then third part of my lands personal Estate Bonds or money in hand &c and the Remainder part of my Estate I give and bequeath to all my children share and share alike.

And my will and meaning is that that if my children shall all depart this life before such time as the part or portion of them so dying shall become payable then in such case the part or portion of them so dying shall go to my wife Lucinda Frost whom I hereby appoint sole Executor of my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal.

Witness

Samuel Rader

Christian Hertz

Alexander Frost

(Seal)

At Rancho County Court, March Term 1874.

The last Will and Testament of Alexander Frost deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Samuel Rader and Christian Hertz, subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

Nancy Thrasher I, Nancy Thrasher of the County of Rancho and State of Virginia do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time here before made. And that my burial and funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate and situation in life, and as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to interest me with I dispose of the same as follows - first I direct that all my debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executor. Also I direct that all my personal Estate of which I shall die seized or possessed shall be sold by my Executor at public auction upon a credit of twelve months and the amount thereof secured in such manner as usual in like cases to ensure the full and punctual payment thereof. Also, I direct that so soon after the moneys arising from the sale of my personal Estate shall have been collected by my Executor that the next proceeds thereof shall be paid over to the following named persons to wit -

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Vinyard wife of Nicholas J. Vinyard one equal ninth part of the net proceeds of my personal Estate.

And whereas Jacob Beckner my son in law did sell and transfer